

REMARKS

By the entry of this amendment, claims 7 and 37 have been amended, and claims 12, 13, 38 and 39 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 37 remain pending in the application.

Claim 7 stands rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended the claim in accordance with the Examiner's helpful comments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nardozi et al (US 6,636,837) in view of Ikeda et al. (US 6,111,586). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The invention, for example as set forth in claim 7, is directed to an image output apparatus that includes an image data reading section for inputting image data from a recording media, each of the image data including reduced image data and actual image data. A printer is provided for printing out the image data. A control section displays an image list display including a plural of selectable images based on the reduced image data, a detailed image display including a detail image of the selected image based on the actual image data, and an enlarged image display including an enlarged image of the selected image based on the reduced image data on a screen. A memory section holds setting data which indicates whether or not to enlarge and temporarily display the reduced image data when transitioning from the image list display to the detailed image display, wherein, when the temporary display of the reduced image data is not performed based on the setting data, the control section switches directly from the image list display to the detailed image display, and when the temporary display of the reduced image data is performed based on the setting data, the control section switches from the image list display to the detailed image display via the enlarged image display.

Ikeda utilizes language referring such as reduced photo images, miniature photo images or enlarged image display, however, the meaning of this language is believed to be unrelated to the claimed invention.

In the claimed invention, each of the image data includes reduced image data and actual image data, and a control section displays one of an image list display including a plural of selectable images based on the reduced image data on a screen, a detailed image display including a detail image of the selected image based on the actual image data, and an enlarged

image display including an enlarged image of the selected image based on the reduced image data on a screen.

The claimed invention further comprises a memory section for holding setting data which indicates whether or not to enlarge and temporarily display the reduced image data when transitioning from the image list display to the detailed image display. In the claimed invention, when the temporary display of the reduced image data is not performed based on the setting data, the control section switches directly from the image list display to the detailed image display, and when the temporary display of the reduced image data is performed based on the setting data, the control section switches from the image list display to the detailed image display via the enlarged image display.

In contrast, Nardozzi and Ikeda do not disclose or suggest, either alone or in combination, the control section and the memory section defined in claim 7. Accordingly, applicant submits that the combination of references, even if proper, would not result in the claimed invention.

Claims 37 is a method claim corresponding to the amended claim 7 and includes features that substantially correspond to the features of amended claim 7.

In view of the above, all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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